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3. Japanese Unexamined Patent Publication No. 9-302249 published November 25, 1997, with partial English translation.
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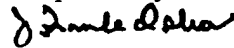
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